

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph [0024] as follows:

[0024] Fig. 5 depicts another embodiment of the connecting terminal according to the invention. In this embodiment, ~~there are formed ribs~~ a rib 20f is formed in the rear portion 20b of the movable contact strip 20 as well as a rib 20g formed in the bottom plate 13, said rib extending in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the connection portion. By forming such ribs 20f and 20g, the rear end 20d of the movable contact strip 20 is fixed to the bottom plate 13 much more firmly. Instead of forming the ribs 20f and 20g, the rear end 20b of the movable contact strip may be fused to the bottom plate 13.